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**Gov. Brown Secures Fire Management Assistance Grant from FEMA
for CA Fire Agencies to Cover Costs of King Fire in El Dorado County**

SACRAMENTO – As high temperatures persist and firefighters continue battling wildfires throughout the state, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help ensure the availability of vital resources to extinguish the King Fire burning in El Dorado County.

The FMAG also enables local, state and tribal agencies to recover eligible response-related costs.

So far, the fire has consumed more than 18,000 acres, threatening structures and causing more than 1,400 evacuation in the following areas: Forebay, Pony Express Trail, White Meadows, Mosquito, Ice House/ Crystal Basin, Union Valley Reservoir, Yellow Jacket Campground, Wolf Creek Campground, Stumpy Meadows Campground, Fashonda Campground, and Fresh Pond.

The grant, which is provided through the President's Disaster Relief Fund on a cost-share basis, will assist local, state and tribal agencies responding to the fire to apply for 75-percent reimbursement of their eligible fire suppression costs.

The King Fire's dangerous rate of spread is threatening hundreds of homes with extreme fire behavior, while evacuations are ongoing. Around the rest of California, red flag warnings are in effect and other fire outbreaks are a major concern for local officials.

El Dorado County proclaimed a local emergency due the King Fire on September 15, 2014.

Two other Fire Management Assistance Grants have been approved for the Courtney Fire in Madera County and the Boles Fire in Siskiyou County since Saturday, September 14, 2014.

Additional information is available at:

- Fire Management Assistance Grants – <http://bit.ly/10v6hjJ>
- Cal OES Twitter @Cal_OES
- Inciweb – <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>
- Governor's Office of Emergency Services – www.caloes.ca.gov